

February is here, and I find myself with a month of wonderful experiences to reflect upon. I am already feeling connected to Gordon Creek and thank the students, staff and families for being so genuinely welcoming.

Over the past several weeks of visiting classrooms I have seen and felt the power of engaged learning environments cultivated by our staff. I have also had the great pleasure of causally interacting with students. Their candid observations are inspiring! I have also seen the confluence of staff effort and student enthusiasm at events like our Character Education assembly. I thank our Ambassador team for introducing students to the power of positive thinking and vision as presented in **The Energy Bus**.

January, and the beginning of February it would appear, has challenged our ability to provide outdoor recess for our students. It is with this in mind that I also thank our grade 5 fundraising team of parents and PTA members for sponsoring "I Love Gordon Creek" fun night this past Friday. I saw a great many students taking every opportunity to expend energy at a number of activity stations. A well-timed night of fun it was.

Suffice it to say that Gordon Creek attends to the whole child and our students are better for it.

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February features a number of extracurricular events. Your attendance and support are always welcome.

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- **Student Council** is selling rubber Friendship Bracelets for \$1.00 each. Friendship bracelets are a wonderful way to show your friends that you treasure their friendship and they make a great Valentine's Day gift. An order form has been sent home and a limited number will be available for purchase in school on February 4 and 6. All bracelets will be distributed on February 12 and 13.
 - **PTA Chipotle Fundraiser** | Tuesday, February 3, 2015 | 4:00PM - 8:00PM
 - **PTA Meeting** | Tuesday, February 10, 2015 | 3:30PM
 - **Skate Day at Guptills** | Sunday, February 15, 2015 | 12:30PM - 4:00PM
 - **Mid-Winter Recess (No School)** | Monday, February 16 - Friday, February 20, 2015
 - **Talent Show** | Friday, February 27, 2015 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM
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